

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A support for the upper gearset and drive shaft of a marine stern drive unit. The support has a generally tubular body of high quality steel or steel alloy which carries spaced-apart retainers on the body, one of which is threaded to the body. The support has a length extending substantially the length of the upper case. The upper end carries an external flange. The upper end defines a bearing receiving or mounting section. The flange is secured in the case by a fastener such as a setscrew. The body is secured by one or both retainers to secure them against structure in the upper case housing. The upper gearset mounts on the support substantially increasing the horsepower capacity of the unit by several times.